

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Thursday, June 7, 2001

SENATE

Measures Introduced:

S. 995. *A bill to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in non-disclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.*

Akaka

Pages S 5967, S 5970-5

S. 1003. *A bill to ensure the safety of children placed in child care centers in Federal facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.*

Jeffords

Pages S 5967, S 5970-5

Measures Passed:

Copyright Infringement Exemption:

Senate passed **S. 487**, to amend chapter 1 of title 17, United States Code, relating to the exemption of certain performances or displays for educational uses from copyright infringement provisions, to provide that the making of copies or phonorecords of such performances or displays is not an infringement under certain circumstances, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S 5988-95, D 544

Elementary and Secondary Education Act Authorization:

Senate continued consideration of **S. 1**, to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S 5907-54, D 544

Pending:

Jeffords Amendment No. 358, in the nature of a substitute.

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Biden Amendment No. 386 (to Amendment No. 358), to establish school- based partnerships between local law enforcement agencies and local school systems, by providing school resource officers who operate in and around elementary and secondary schools.

Pages S 5908, D 544

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 2:30 p.m., on Monday, June 11, 2001, with votes to occur on certain amendments beginning at 5:15 p.m.

Pages S 5951, D 544

Remarks:

The Federal Death Penalty System.

“...As my colleagues are aware, I oppose the death penalty. I have never made any bones about that. But this is not really about just being opposed to the death penalty. This is about bias-free justice in America. I am certain that not one of my colleagues in the Senate--not a single one--no matter how strong a proponent of the death penalty, would defend racial discrimination in the administration of that ultimate punishment. The most fundamental guarantee of our Constitution is equal justice under law, equal protection of the laws. To be true to that central precept of our national identity, we have to take extremely seriously allegations that the death penalty is being administered in a discriminatory fashion...”

Feingold

Pages S 5955-6

The Oklahoma City Bombing Case. (Death Penalty Discussed)

Leahy

Pages S 5957-9

HOUSE

Bills Introduced:

H.R. 2098. *A bill to require the Attorney General to establish an office in the Department of Justice to monitor acts of international terrorism alleged to have been committed by Palestinian individuals or individuals acting on behalf of Palestinian organizations and to carry out certain other related activities;* to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Andrews

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H.R. 2100. *A bill to amend chapter 1 of title 17, United States Code, relating to the exemption of certain performances or displays for educational uses from copyright infringement provisions,* to provide that the making of copies or phonorecords of such performances or displays is not an infringement under certain circumstances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Boucher

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H.R. 2103. *A bill to establish limits on medical malpractice claims,* and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Greenwood

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H.R. 2111. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax benefits for small businesses, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to increase the minimum wage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Quinn

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing

on the Bureau of Prisons. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Hawk, Director, Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on the Constitutional Role of Faith-Based Organizations in Competition for Federal Social Service Funds.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on the Operations of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, including Review of Agency Funding.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held an oversight hearing on “The Ethics of Cloning”

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Next SENATE MEETING: Friday, 10:30a.m., June 8, 2001.

Next HOUSE MEETING: Friday, 10:00a.m., June 8, 2001.

OLA: S. Smith, J. Homanich